



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 12-23, CD1, FD1

## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE CITY'S AGRICULTURAL LIAISON TO EXPEDITE THE IDENTIFYING AND MAPPING OF IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND ENSURE THAT THE CITY WORKS TO PRESERVE THE AVAILABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS FOR FARMING.

WHEREAS, the conservation and protection of important agricultural lands ("IALs") is mandated by Article XI, Section 3, of the State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 also states that "[t]he [State] legislature shall provide standards and criteria to accomplish the foregoing," and based on this language, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that Section 3 was not self-executing and required legislative action to become operative; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by Act 183, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005, established standards, criteria, and mechanisms to identify IALs, and by Act 233, Session Laws of 2008, established a variety of incentives to meet the requirements of Act 183; and

WHEREAS, under this legislation, the role of the counties is relatively limited, and primarily consists of identifying and mapping potential IALs within the county's jurisdiction, in concert with landowners, the State Department of Agriculture, the Hawaii Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, the State Office of Planning, and other groups as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the IAL maps are submitted to the applicable County Council or City Council for decision-making, and then are submitted to the Land Use Commission for further action and final approval in designating IALs; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has begun the process of identification and mapping of IALs; and

WHEREAS, agricultural sustainability is important to the economic future of this county, and it is necessary to strengthen and preserve strong agricultural activity where farming is a viable component of the local economy, as well as protect and promote the continuation of agriculture in areas with primary agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, by Mayor's Message No. 147 (2011), dated October 5, 2011, the Mayor informed the Council of the appointment of Laura Thielen as the Agricultural Liaison in response to Resolution 11-70; and



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WHEREAS, in appointing the City's new Agricultural Liaison, Mayor Peter Carlisle stated "Laura [Thielen] has the expertise and enthusiasm to make this newly-created position contribute effectively to our long-term goal of sustainability"; and

WHEREAS, it is timely for the City's Agricultural Liaison to serve as an advocate of the island's agricultural community and ensure that the City works to preserve the availability of agricultural lands for farming; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City's Agricultural Liaison is urged to expedite the identification and mapping of important agricultural lands and ensure that the IAL maps support and protect farming by stabilizing the agricultural land base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process of identification and mapping of important agricultural lands also consider agriculturally productive lands within urban growth boundaries that are classified as prime agricultural lands, provided adequate water supply is available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's Agricultural Liaison is requested to report back to the Council by April 1, 2012 on the progress of the City's identification and mapping of the IALs; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the City's Agricultural Liaison, and the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting.

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Ann Kobayashi

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**DATE OF INTRODUCTION:**

Tom Berg

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January 19, 2012  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 01/19/12 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: ZONING AND  
PLANNING

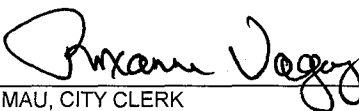
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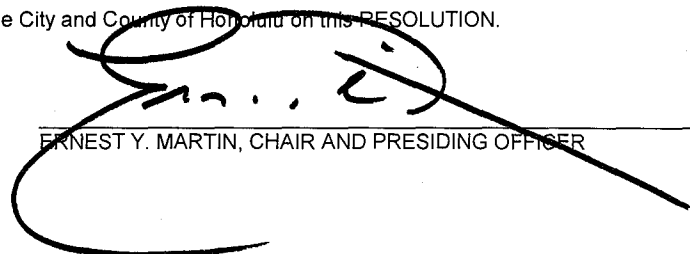
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CR-74

Voting Legend: Y= Aye, Y\* = Aye w/Reservations, N = No, A = Absent, ABN = Abstain

ZONING AND PLANNING	02/09/12	CR-74 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN <u>CD1</u> FORM.			
COUNCIL	02/15/12	RESOLUTION AMENDED TO CD1, FD1.			
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y
CR-74 AND RESOLUTION 12-23, CD1, FD1 WERE ADOPTED.					
ANDERSON	Y	BERG	Y	CACHOLA	Y
GARCIA	Y	HARIMOTO	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER